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WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES

To: Deputy Commissioner Lester Crawford
Subject: Please Approve Plan B® application
From: Justina A. Trott, MD, FACP

Dear Deputy Commissioner Crawford,

I urge you to approve an application to make Plan B® available to women over the counter, ~~Docket 2001P-0075~~, The Switch Status of EC from Rx to OTC.

Plan B®, a safe and effective emergency contraceptive (EC), could reduce the number of unintended pregnancies by half - but only if it is used very soon after unprotected sex.

Improving access to EC is particularly important for survivors of sexual assault, the majority of whom do not receive information about EC in the emergency room.

A recent study has demonstrated that improved access to EC will not increase risky sexual behavior. In fact, a new study showed that women who had EC readily available did not engage in unprotected sex in higher rates than other women.

Sincerely,

Justina A. Trott, MD, FACP

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